

## OFF THE TRESTLE.

A Distressing Accident on the Stratford Extension of a Trolley Line in Connecticut.

NEARLY FORTY PERSONS WERE KILLED.

A Loaded Car Went Over the Trestle and Sank in the Flats Fully Forty Feet Below.

Only Two Persons Are Known to Have Escaped—Many of the Victims Were Instantly Killed—Road Was Only Opened Thursday.

BRIDGEPORT, Ct., Aug. 7.—Nearly 40 persons were killed by an accident on the Stratford extension of the Shelton Street Railway Co. at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon when a loaded trolley car went off the trestle over Peck's mill pond at Oronoque, about six miles north of Bridgeport, and sank in the flats 40 feet below. Thus far 36 people are known to be dead and several more injured.

Only two persons are known to have escaped unhurt.

It is believed that there were 43 passengers on the car but the indicator was removed by a conductor of another car and spirited away, so that at present it is impossible to state accurately the number aboard.

The scene of the accident is midway between Shelton and Bridgeport. The car was northbound, running toward Shelton. It was in charge of Conductor John Carroll, of Bridgeport, who was among the killed, and Mortimer Hamilton, of Bridgeport, who escaped by jumping. The trestle is 440 feet long, made of iron with stone foundations and was not protected by guard rails.

South of the trestle an incline down which the car ran at a high rate of speed. After it ran onto the trestle for about ten feet the trucks left the rails and then the car continued on the ties for about 75 feet, when it went off the trestle and dropped into the pond below, overturning completely and upending. When the car struck, the four-ton motor and the heavy trucks crushed into it, instantly killing many of the passengers.

Three physicians who were passengers on a car a short distance behind, arrived quickly on the scene and rendered all possible assistance to the injured. Word was sent to Bridgeport and three ambulances and a police wagon were hurried to the scene and the injured were taken to Bridgeport general hospital.

A morgue was improvised in the main room of the town hall at Stratford and in a very short time 23 bodies were laid out awaiting identification.

The accident was witnessed by Miss Francis Peck, who resides about 400 feet from the bridge. She was upstairs at her home as the car was passing and she says that it was running unusually fast. Frank Cramer, who was bathing near the bridge, states that the passengers were all singing and in the most joyful mood as they passed him.

The road, which is practically controlled by the Bridgeport Traction Co., was opened for traffic last Thursday.

### NEW MODE OF SUICIDE.

Farmer Wold, of Poskin Lake, Wis., Deliberately Blows His Head Off With Dynamite.

CUMBERLAND, Wis., Aug. 4.—Christ Wold, a farmer near Poskin lake, this county, committed suicide Thursday by deliberately blowing off his head with dynamite. He placed a quantity of dynamite in a hole in the ground, laid his head over it and touched off the fuse, exclaiming: "Here I go, and the Lord go with me." His head and one arm were completely torn away. Wold was 30 years old and leaves a wife and family who are unable to assign a cause for the deed.

### Acting Chief Justice at Apia.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—A dispatch received Thursday from Apia, Samoa, under date of July 17, confirms the report of the appointment of Luther W. Osborn, United States consul general at Apia as acting chief justice, and asserts that he was appointed on the proposal of Dr. Solf, German president of the municipal council.

### Court-Martial Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The navy department has ordered a court of inquiry on the collision of the dispatch boat Dolphin and the ferryboat New York in East river. The board is ordered to assemble in Boston on the 8th inst., and Capt. Wadleigh is designated as president.

### American Killed in Mexico.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 6.—News reached here Friday that Walter Hemming, an American from this city, had been killed in a raid by the Yaqui Indians in the mountains east of Guaymas. Hemming left here in April last with two companions to search for gold in the Yaqui country.

### Rev. Milburn Much Improved.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 6.—Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the senate who, Thursday, suffered from sunstroke, passed a fairly comfortable night and was much improved Friday night.

## COL. HAWKINS' REMAINS.

A Guard of Soldiers Will Be Detailed to Accompany It East—Loading of the Transport Senator.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The docking of the transport Senator Wednesday was unaccompanied by the blowing of steam sirens and the ringing of bells. The death of Col. Hawkins, of the Pennsylvania regiment, seemed to have impressed every one in an unusual manner, and along the water front flags hung at half-mast. A detachment of soldiers carried the casket containing the remains from the transport to a waiting hearse. A guard will watch it constantly and when the remains are placed on board the cars for the east a guard will be detailed to accompany it.

It has been decided that the men shall march to the barracks at the presidio Thursday under the escort of the returned Oregon, Utah and Nebraska troops.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The president was out early Thursday morning and about 9 o'clock went for a long walk towards the lake, accompanied by Dr. Rixey. Mrs. McKinley's health continues to improve. The president said Thursday that he had heard with great regret of the death of Col. Hawkins, whose gallantry in the Philippines was so marked as to command special mention by his superior officers. The president expressed deep sympathy with the family of Col. Hawkins, and with the men of the regiment he so conspicuously commanded.

### AN INFURIATED BULL.

Farmer Dirk Was Killed and Horribly Mangled and His Wife Badly Injured by the Beast in a Pasture.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Aug. 3.—John Dirk went out in a pasture Wednesday when he was attacked by a bull. His cries were heard by his wife, who ran to his assistance, and together they drove the animal away. As they were leaving the bull attacked them again, knocking both down.

Dirk told his wife that he was dying, and she managed to escape and summoned a neighbor, who fired two shots from a shotgun into the animal, driving it away. Dirk was killed, his body being trampled into an almost unrecognizable mass. Mrs. Dirk had two ribs crushed.

### HEUREUX'S ASSASSINS.

Two of Them Captured and Shot—The Authorities Continue to Make Arrests—Country Is Quiet.

SANTO DOMINGO, Aug. 3.—Two of the assassins of President Heureux have been captured and shot.

The country is entirely quiet and no movements of troops are in progress.

The authorities continue to make arrests. In addition to the prominent persons before reported as having been taken into custody is M. Fonchard, formerly minister of finance.

Many refugees have sought protection at the American legation, among them M. Menos, sometime minister of foreign affairs. The situation is grave.

### FILIPINOS AGAIN ROUTED.

El Pardo Taken by a Company of Americans—The Charleston Shelled the Rebels as They Retreated.

MANILA, Aug. 3.—Mail advices from the island of Cebu announce that a company of Americans last week attacked the Filipinos' trenches, situated two kilometers from the town of El Pardo. The rebels were commanded by the Brothers Climace, who are prominent and wealthy persons.

The Charleston shelled the enemy, and the Filipinos retreated. The American casualties were slight. The presence of the Climaces with the rebels is reported to have been due to rebel orders from Luzon.

### Lord Pauncefoot to Return in October.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The British ambassador to the United States assumes the title of Lord Pauncefoot, as a result of his elevation to the peerage. He is still considering what territorial style he will take. The ambassador will return to The Hague shortly to complete some peace conference details there, and will start for Washington in October. He will finally retire from the diplomatic service in March or April next. Lord Pauncefoot expects to resume the Alaska negotiations, which have been "suspended during the hot weather," on his arrival in Washington.

### Four Robbers Hold Up 500 People.

CORRY, Pa., Aug. 3.—A bold highway robbery took place in this city at 11 o'clock Tuesday night when patrons of the Pawnee Bill show were returning to their homes. Four armed men held up 500 people. The robbers had destroyed the arc light, leaving the road in darkness, and with drawn revolvers stopped the people and carriages, blocking the street until at least 500 people were held up.

### The Meeting Place Changed.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 3.—The national convention of the Regular Army and Navy Union of the United States has been changed from Baltimore, Md., to Washington, and will be held on the third Wednesday in October next. This change was made by the executive council for the reason that no subordinate lodge of the order exists in Baltimore, while there are three in Washington.

## THE SLIP BROKE.

A Crowd of Excursionists Plunged Into the Water at a Ferry Dock at Mt. Desert.

TWENTY DEAD BODIES RECOVERED.

It is Estimated That the List of Dead Will Foot Up to the Number of Thirty or More.

The Victims Were About to Take the Ferry at Mount Desert, Near Mt. Harbor, Me., on Their Way to See the Assemblage of War-ships.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 7.—While a crowd of excursionists were on the way to see the warships, a slip leading from the dock to the boat at Mount Desert ferry broke, precipitating more than 100 into the water. Twenty bodies have been recovered, and it is estimated that the dead will number 30 or more.

Among the bodies identified are those of Mrs. William Murray, of Brewer; Irving Bridges, of West Hancock; Albert Colson, of Levant; Mrs. Alonzo Oakes, of Bangor; Joseph Murphy, of Old Town; Mrs. Hollis Estey, of Ellsworth; Clifford Cushman, of Corinth; Mel McCord, of Corinth; Miss Lizzie Wood, of Bangor; Charles W. Downes, of Ellsworth; F. E. Sweetzer, traveling salesman, Portland; Ora M. Lank, Danforth; G. K. Bennett, brewer, and a woman believed to be his wife. Four others have not yet been identified.

The Maine Central railroad Sunday ran excursions to Bar Harbor from all sections of its line in Maine, the attraction being the war ships which were expected Sunday. All the morning long trains packed with excursionists were rushing to Bar Harbor. The rain which left Bangor at 8:35 consisted of 12 cars jammed with people.

At Mount Desert ferry, the terminus of the line, the train is left for the boat for an eight mile sail to Bar Harbor. From the wharf a slip or gang plank 40 feet long and 10 feet wide led up to the boat. The slip was hinged at the inner end, was raised or lowered to suit the tide.

The wharf extends on both sides of the lurch with the end of the wooden gang plank. Five timbers, 4 by 12 inches, set vertically, ran the length of the plank and these were crossed by two inch planking. It is said that there was no support for the plank between the hinges at the outer end.

When the excursion train from Bangor arrived at the ferry there was a rush for the steamer Sapphet. The first few passengers had crossed the gang plank safely, and it is estimated that 200 people were massed on the plank. Suddenly they felt the plank give way beneath them. The long timber supporting the plank broke in the middle. The hinges held up one end and the chain the other, while the broken end of the plank dropped, and a struggling, screaming mass of humanity was plunged into the water, 15 feet below the wharf. A few clung to the inclined sides of the plank, but at least 150 were struggling in the water. The piling of the wharf partially penned them in on three sides and the boat at the wharf closed the outer end of the opening.

Insurgents Burn an American Steamer. LONDON, Aug. 6.—Lloyd's agent at Manila cables that insurgents at San Fernando have captured and burned the United States steamer Saprunus.

MANILA, Aug. 6.—The steamer Saturnus, of the Campana Maritima, coasting under the American flag, was burned Wednesday and her crew is missing. The details of the affair are not known.

The captain of the Saturnus once obtained possession of a ship belonging to the Maritima company, held at San Fernando by the insurgents, by mooring the Saturnus alongside and hauling the other vessel away in the night.

### The Dreyfus Trial Opens.

RENNES, Aug. 7.—The proceedings of the court-martial before which Capt. Dreyfus is on trial opened at 7:10 o'clock Monday morning. Capt. Dreyfus entered the court room with a firm step, though his features were pallid. He is partly bald, and what hair he has is gray and close-cropped. He answered the formal questions of the judge as to his name, age, etc., in a clear, determined voice.

To Compete With the White Lead Trust. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 4.—A corporation to compete with the National Lead and Oil Co., commonly called the white lead trust, has been organized by Pittsburgh capitalists under the name of the Davis Lead Co. Its capital is \$400,000, and it is proposed to erect a plant at once, in order to share in the boom in the lead business which is now at its height. A production of 5,000 tons annually is planned.

### Cecil Rhodes' Prediction.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 6.—In the house of assembly Friday Mr. Cecil Rhodes expressed the belief that the Transvaal difficulty would be "overcome in a few months and without a shot being fired," owing to the mutual moderation being displayed. He predicted that capital would then flow freely.

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Petted Daughter—They asked me to play at Mrs. Higbup's this evening, and I did, but—

Fond Mother (proudly)—Were not they entranced?

Petted Daughter—Hum! When I played "Life on the Ocean Wave" with variations half of them left the room.

Fond Mother—That's wonderful! They must have been seasick.

"Do you dance on your toes, Miss Quickwit?"

"Never, Mr. Clumsey." Other people do it for me."

And he didn't know just what she meant until he tried to get another dance with her.

"I have an awful pain in my back," said the old lady to her doctor in Topeka.

"Probably you have rheumatism," responded the doctor.

"Mebby it is, doctor, but Sister Mary thinks I've got the limburger."

"Children! children! Don't make such a frightful noise," said the mother.

"We're playing omnibus, mamma," said Mattie, soberly.

"Yes, I know, dear, but it isn't necessary to make such a frightful noise."

"Yes, it is, mamma. We've got to where Hattie insists on paying the fare and so do I."

De Jones—I heard your firm discharged you.

Smythe—Yes; but I wouldn't mind that so much if they hadn't added insult to injury.

De Jones—How so?

Smythe—They advertised for a boy to fill my place.

"Two heads are better than one." If the one you have is dull and heavy you need Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will give you prompt relief.

Peterson—Those Kentucky feudists haven't much state pride.

Henderson—How do you mean?

Peterson—If they had they would have held off until after the census was taken.

# Mineral Water

## AND ICE.

Can be secured from O. E. Resler, whose headquarters are located on South High street.

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## RESLER.

### NAVIGATION SUGGESTION.

Captain Should Not Lay Out His Vessel's Course Without Assistance.

All theories about magnetic attraction and unknown currents will have to be dismissed so far as the Paris accident is concerned, says the Philadelphia Press. It demonstrates one weak feature in the method now followed in determining the course of a vessel at sea. The captain of a vessel determines the course without consultation with the other navigating officers. If he makes a mistake there is no check on him, unless the man on the bridge discovers land, or a light that causes a change.

The suggestion made some time ago, that more than one officer should take part in laying the course of a vessel, seems to be a wise one. The captain could, for that matter, proceed as he does now, but if another officer were required to make a separate calculation and give it to the captain, a mistake such as that made by Capt. Watkins might easily be discovered in time to avert disaster.

Age and experience do not guarantee freedom from error. Accidents more often happen to the experienced captains than to the inexperienced ones. Perhaps in a long course of years they are apt slightly to relax their vigilance, and then comes the danger. The captains of all the steamship lines lay out the course of their vessels without check of any kind from other officers. There would appear to be need of a change in that respect.

Go to Niagara Falls on Hillsboro Railroad excursion August 15th. Only \$8.50 round trip. Tickets good to return within 15 days.

Ben Ten Flour.

## EZEKIEL'S GREAT VISION.

International Sunday School Lesson for August 13, 1899—Text, Ezekiel 37:1-14—Memory Verses, 3-6.

[Specially Adapted from Peloubet's Notes.] GOLDEN TEXT.—I will put my Spirit within you.—Ezek. 37:17.

READ John 3:1-15.

LIGHT FROM OTHER SCRIPTURES.—The Holy Spirit.—Isa. 60:21; Joel 2:28, 29; Zechar. 4:6; Matt. 3:11; John 3:25; 14:26, 27; Acts 1:8. The Resurrection.—1st Cor. 15:20; 1st Tim. 3:16; 1st Pet. 1:3-5; 1st Cor. 15:42, 44, 52-54; Dan. 12:2; Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:12.

TIME.—This prophecy was written during the early part of the exile (586-572 B. C.), and refers to the return from the exile.

PLACE.—It was written on the banks of the Chebar, near Babylon.

### EXPLANATORY.

I. The Vision of Dry Bones.—Vs. 1, 2, 11. V. 1. "The hand of the Lord was upon me." The hand is the instrument and symbol of active exertion of strength. Jehovah laid hold of the prophet, took possession of him, in order to send the exiles a message through him.—Prof. C. H. Toy. "Carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord." He was inwardly transported, in an ecstatic state, from the things around him.—Lange. "In the midst of the valley." Not any real valley, but one seen in the vision. "Which was full of bones." Such as doubtless the prophet had seen more than once after the devastations of Nebuchadnezzar.

V. 2. "Caused me to pass by them round about." Through the whole collection in every direction, so that he could see and realize that "there were very many (vast numbers) in the open valley." Literally, "on the face" or surface of the valley, exposed to view.

"And, lo, they were very dry." This "is mentioned to show they were utterly dead, and could not be made alive by any human power."—Prof. Toy. V. 11. "These bones are the whole house of Israel."

The nation was dead as a nation, as dead as the dry bones in the valley of vision. As these bones were scattered everywhere over the wide regions of the Babylonian empire. "Our bones are dried." Each individual was like a dry bone, far apart from the other bones of the man of which each bone was a part, so that they say "we are cut off for our parts." I. e., for our part, as far as separated from the rest; and "our hope is lost." They had no more hope of becoming a nation again in their own land than a dry and parched bone of becoming a part of a living animal again.

II. The Prophet's Summons.—Vs. 3-6, 12. V. 3. "Son of man, can these bones live?" "Is it possible? Is there any hope? Of course to human power and human view it was impossible.

"And I answered, O Lord God, Thou knowest." Thou hast powers we cannot comprehend. Nothing is impossible to God. V. 4. "Prophecy." Not predict, but speak God's word. "O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord." They were to hear not the prophet's opinion, but God's message. V. 5. "Behold, I, the Lord Jehovah, the source of all power, the controller of all nations, will cause breath to enter into you." As into the first man when God created him. V. 6. "Lay sinews . . . flesh . . . skin." I will restore you to the form of the perfect and complete man you once were. "And put breath in you." You shall not only have the form but the soul of a man, and become a living, thinking, loving, acting being. "And ye shall know that I am the Lord." The wonder will be so great that they shall realize that no being but Jehovah could have performed the miracle.

III. The Restoration.—Vs. 7, 8, 12, 13. V. 7. "As I prophesied, there was a noise." "Thundering," or the rustling or rattling of the bones as they came together. "A shaking." R. V., an earthquake, as at the resurrection of Christ. "Bones came together." I. e., those which belonged to one body; while "bone to his bone" specializes a single bone in relation to another.—Lange. V. 12. "I will open your graves." The figure is slightly varied here. This marks the marvelousness of the return from Babylon. V. 8. "The sinews and the flesh came up upon them." This corresponds to the words in V. 12, "and bring you into the land of Israel." When the exiles should return to their own land, rebuild Jerusalem, restore the temple and its worship, and set up a government, then they would be like scattered bones coming together, clothed in flesh, and having the form of a man. It would be a resurrection from the dead. "But there was no breath in them." As yet it was only a form. There was need of a new spirit, a new life, before the restoration would be perfect.

IV. The New Life.—Vs. 9, 10, 14. V. 9. "Prophecy unto the wind." The same word is used for wind, and breath, and spirit, as in the New Testament. "Come from the four winds." A symbol of the universal life-giving Spirit of God.—Cambridge Bible. V. 10. "They lived . . . an exceeding great army." The nation, on its return, was inspired with new life. Ezra's time was one of great religious and literary activity. The Bible then became a new book. And though the nation declined, yet in Christ there was a new graft, the old stock, so that now the kingdom of God, which the returned exiles represented, has indeed already become "an exceeding great army," the greatest kingdom now on the earth.

PRACTICAL.

Only God's Spirit, imparting new life, can save the sinner from death. Every conversion is a miracle of creation, a miracle of resurrection from the dead.

What is true of the individual is true of the church. A dead church needs a prophet like Ezekiel, or Paul, or Luther, or Wesley, to prophesy to the dry bones that they may live through the Spirit of God.

"Come from the four winds." The influences that redeem men come from the universal Father, from His love, His justice, His holiness, His wisdom, His power, His truth.